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**THIRD MEMBER OF LAKES REGION "CRACK" COCAINE RING
SENTENCED ON FEDERAL DISTRIBUTION CHARGES**

Re: United States v. Mark Camire

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and N.H. State Police Colonel Gary Sloper announced that **Mark CAMIRE**, date of birth of 6/17/83, of Belmont, NH, was sentenced on November 25, 2003 on "crack" cocaine distribution charges.

On November 25, 2003, CAMIRE entered a guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Paul J. Barbadoro to an information charging him with possession with intent to distribute cocaine base, aka "crack" cocaine.

At today's sentencing, Judge Barbadoro imposed a sentence of 37 months imprisonment followed by a 3-year period of supervised release during which CAMIRE's behavior will be monitored by the U.S. Department of Probation.

According to the affidavit accompanying a federal criminal complaint issued by U.S. Magistrate Judge James Muirhead on April 4, 2003, CAMIRE was part of a four person drug distribution network that sold "crack" cocaine, obtained from a Lawrence, Massachusetts-based source of supply, to an informant working with the N.H. State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit in the Lakes Region during January and February, 2003. Previously convicted in the case were John SWAIN of Northfield, NH and Christopher LANGILL, formerly of Belmont, NH and Junio PAULINO, date of birth 2/22/71, of Lawrence, Massachusetts.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, "My office is committed not only to aggressively prosecuting drug traffickers operating in Manchester and New Hampshire's other larger cities, but also those importing illegal drugs into smaller communities like those in the Lakes Region. The State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit conducted a thorough and aggressive investigation in this case, and these convictions stand as a prime example of the effectiveness of cooperative efforts between federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in combating the disastrous impact of crack cocaine on our communities and their residents."

The conviction resulted from an investigation by the N.H. State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante, the Lead Attorney for the District of New Hampshire in the New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force ("New England OCDEF").